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Dear ANODYNE,



S you are the only Chimerical Correspondent that I have in your Nether World, I could not omit this Opportunity, of sending you an Account of the strange Adventure, that lately happen'd at *Pyropolis*,
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which is the *Metropolis* of the *Tartarian* World : This Affair will very shortly make a great Noise in those Parts which you inhabit, as you will easily guess, from the Contents of this *Pacquet*.

The last *New-Moon*, as the Ignorant call it, (for I then only turn my Lantern and Candle another way) in my *Midnight Course*, in which I take a View of more Worlds than that wherein you dwell, I was much surpris'd at a very strange Attempt ; the like of which, hath not so much as been thought of, for several Ages.

Just as I arriv'd in my *Nocturnal Carr*, over the City of **Pyropolis**, or (as some call it) **Grandipolis**, I heard a Buzzing Noise. Upon which, turning my Head, I saw several Gentlemen in Consultation : They seem'd entirely foreign to the Inhabitants of that Place, in their Mien and Deportment, being very Grave and Elderly Persons : This made me listen the more intently to what they said, believing it must be about some Matter of Importance : Nor was I mistaken in my Surmise.

You will be apt to conceive that 'tis impossible for me to hear or see, at so vast a Distance : But I will inform you, tho' 'tis not proper to tell *your World* so, That this Distance is no manner of Obstruction, either to my Visive or Hearing Faculties, which are ten thousand times quicker and sharper than in your Species of Beings, in your duller Orb.

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Besides, as all Words are, in their own nature, only Sounds produced by the Agitation of Air, and consequently but Wind, they naturally flie upwards, 'till they reach the highest part of the Atmosphere ; from whence, there being no *Renitency* of Air, and *the Subtilty of the pure Æther making no Opposition*, like **your Birds of Passage**, they instantaneously arrive in this World, and reach my Ears.

I should have told you, That the World which you call **Hell**, and I am now speaking of, is prodigiously Bigger than your World is ; but so situated, that the Sun never shines upon it : They have there no Vicissitude of Day or Night, but a perpetual Gloom more dreadful than Night it self : The Rivers and Seas are fill'd with liquid Fires, and flaming Sulphur, which cast an affrighting and dismal Twilight, give always a Prospect of Horrour, and fill the Inhabitants with wild Confusion, and agonizing Dread : The Soil looks like a Mass of glowing Iron, cover'd with a fiery Scurf : The Fields, instead of Grain, are overspread with waving livid Flames, produced from that Sulphur wherewith what they call Earth, is impregnated : From the Effluvius Particles thereof is form'd the Ignitious Atmosphere, that involves it ; which, to the Inhabitants, looks like an Arch of solid Fire ; and tho' impervious or impassable to them, confining them to those Regions of Despair and Torture,

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yet gives to me a full Survey of whatever is transacted there ; and is passable to those Beings who enjoy the Realms of Bliss, but can no ways affect their purer Natures ; as they also are to some Favourite Mortals, ev'n of your World, who are rais'd up for a Publick Good.

I was not a little surpris'd, when I perceiv'd the Gentlemen, I just now mention'd, to be SPIES, come from *your World*, and heard them talk of attempting a *Robbery in Hell*, with an Intent to Discover the Designs and Conduct of **Lucifer** ; that so they might ruin those Colonies which he has settled upon your Earth ; especially at *London*, and Places adjacent.

Pleas'd with their Design, I resolv'd to favour it as much as possible, and accordingly cast a dusky Shadow over them, to render them less suspected ; for in **Hell** every one is *jealous* of all he sees. This is indeed that *World*, which is People'd from *yours* ; your **Vicious, Immoral, and Irreligious**, when they leave their Bodies, fill these dreadful Regions, and flock into it by Shoals.

But, to return : I lent these SPIES the Assistance of my Lantern, who, taking the direct Road to **Pandemonium**, (three only being sent on this Expedition) one of them pulling a Key out of his Pocket, unlocking the Gate) enter'd the *spacious Hall* ; of which we shall give you an Account by and by.

They

They ascended the Stairs, which lead to the *Office* of **Asmodai** Principal Secretary of State to the *Prince of Darkness*. I thought, at first, their Design had been on the *Exchequer*, where immense Sums are always deposited, and from whence they are issued, to bribe those, who pretend to oppose his Interest, or reward his Agents, in your *mercenary Globe*. But I was quickly undeceiv'd ; They despis'd the prodigious Wealth, and look'd on it with the last degree of Scorn and Contempt : So that **Mammon**, who is *Lord High-Treasurer of Hell*, and makes all the Remittances into your *World*, lost not one Farthing ; for They only took some *Books, loose Papers* and *Memo-randums of Disbursements*, and went immediately to the Secretary's Office, and fell to rummaging the Papers.

There is a particular Office, which is commonly known, by the Name of the **Devil's Cabinet**, where his most secret Council meet, and transact the greatest Affairs of State. Here all his Records are kept, and from hence Commissions are issued for secret Expeditions ; Plans are form'd, and Instructions drawn up. Here all the Treasons, Rebellions, Plots, Murders, Ravages, &c. which are transacted in your *World*, are first hatch'd, and afterwards sent to the *nefarious Agents* to be accomplish'd. This Place they immediately broke open, ransack'd all the Scruetores, and private Drawers, and took out all such Books and

and Papers as were of Use to Them. They carry'd off his *Hocus-Pocus Bag*, with all the Furniture, &c. (of which we shall say more, when we come to the Examination of their Booty.)

By the favour of that dusky Shadow, which I had cast over them, They made their Escape towards your Regions : But I shall leave Them pursuing their Journey for a-while, 'till I have given you an Account of the Uproar and Confusion that was in *Hell*, upon this Accident.

No sooner had *Asmodai* Intelligence that his Office was broken open, but private Dispatches were sent, by proper Messengers, to all the Officers of State, and *He* waited upon his *Master*, at once to Inform his *Principal*, and Excuse himself.

Lucifer appear'd visibly Disturb'd at a Matter of that Consequence, which would probably Embroil his Affairs, and Disappoint the great Expectations he had conceiv'd on his well-concerted Measures. *He* order'd a Grand Council to be summon'd, to assemble that Night, if Night it is in the *Depth* of Darkness. In the *interim*, every Minister of State was order'd to repair to his Office, examine what Damages had been done, and make his Report. The Guards were doubl'd, and enjoin'd narrowly to Examine every Person, lest the Offenders should make their Escape in Disguise ; for there had been a

Rumour

Rumour very currant in *Hell* for some Months, That the Fates had decree'd a Discovery of their *dark Intrigues*.

Asmodai; the *principal Secretary of State*, expected nothing less than to be Discharg'd from his Office, if not Try'd for High-Treason, for Corresponding with the sworn Enemies of the **Infernal State**; and he behav'd like a Courtier out of Favour, full of Anxiety and Care.

Mammon, upon hearing the News, look'd as Dejected as an old Usurer, when he hears a Debtor is Gone off with a considerable Sum; or that some cunning Sophister has enter'd a Process against him for Extortion; or like an old, griping, unmerciful Creditor, when he receives a Summons to appear at the next Quarter-Session, to be holden for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Belial, who is *Lord High-Steward of the Household, Governour of the Seraglio, &c.* was in the utmost Confusion; insomuch, that being in Company with a Gang of *English Whores*, who were shewing *Postures*, to him, and several others of the *sooty Grandees of Hell*, he so hurry'd *Bacchus*, who is *Yeoman of the Wine-Cellar*, and was past *Maudlin*, alias *three quarters Speed*, alias *almost Drunk*, that he forgot to turn the Cocks; so that the *Grandees*, running out in an Hurry to go to the *Council*, left the Doors open; and the *Mob* coming in, found the Cellars

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floated, and fell to work upon the Intoxicating Liquor ; which soon made them stark mad, so that they fell to fighting, and rais'd such a *Disturbance* about the **Palace**, as put all **Pyropolis** into an *Uproar* ; and gave just Reason to **Lucifer** and the whole **Council** to believe, That it was the Effect of some Plot ; and the Design could be nothing less than a General *Insurrection*, which might issue in the *Subversion* of his Government.

There was an odd Comical Fancy, that heightned this Conceit, which was this : One *Black Pegg*, who formerly liv'd in *your World*, and was *Miss* to *Quality*, yet very Industrious to teach one *Harry Gambol*, (who was no other than a *Tumbler* to a *Mountebank*, an *High-German Quack*, call'd *Doctor Hermo-dactyl*) the Art of *shewing Postures*. This *Black Pegg*, is now *Miss* to **Belial**, and takes upon her to Instruct all the *Dalilahs* in the *Seraglio*, in the *Mysteries* of *Lewdness* : Amongst other Pranks which she play'd that Night, for Diverting the Company, she made Six of these *Ladies*, of which number herself was one, strip into their *naked Buff*, (as they *cant* it ;) when taking a lighted Candle, she stuck it into her Backside, (which the others did, in Imitation of her *Whoreship*) and then turning her Posteriors upwards, told them, There was a *noble Desk* to write *Billet-Deux* on to their *kept Mistresses*. They proceeded to such other Scenes of Debauchery, as are

are not fit to be related, and which were never thought of in *Hell*, 'till *Pegg*, and some *Ladies of Pleasure* from *Drury Hundreds*, brought them thither.

In the midst of this Jollettry, the News was brought to *Belial*, That the *Secretary's* and *Treasury-Office* were Brok-open and Robb'd, and that *He*, with the other *Infernal Lords*, must immediately attend his *Majesty* in the *Council-Room*; and a Noise and Hurry being in the Street, *Belial* turn'd the *Whores Naked* out of Doors, who running along the Street with lighted Candles in their Posteriors, with *Will. Wildfire* and some other *English Rakes* at the Heels of 'em, the Inhabitants of *Pyropolis* concluded, that, either they were a *New Set of Devils*, broke out from some *other Hell*, or that they were *Incendiaries*, come from some other World, on purpose to fire the Inhabitants of the *Tartarian* World with their Tails; as some asserted, they had done by others in that World from whence they came.

Moloch, who is *Captain-General* of all the *Infernal Forces*, seem'd to shew somewhat of an Air of Pleasure, but with such an horrid Grin, that sufficiently evinced the Inward Tortures and Anguish of Soul that he underwent; but however, *He* was in some Hopes of having his Inclination gratify'd, tho' not glutted, with Blood and Carnage, of which *He* is ever insatiate.

Envy, peeping out of her dismal Cave, with Meagre Jaws, and Squinting Eyes, seem'd to *Smile* ; but perpetually scratch'd herself with her Nails, which were as leng as Eagles Claws, 'till the Blood, black with Poison, issued plentifully ; which falling to the Ground, was immediately turn'd into *Aconitum*, which is sent into *your World*, and made use of according to the *Recipe's* in the **Devil's Dispensatory**, or to his private Directions.

The whole City was by this time got together, but in such a Ferment as is not possible to be conceiv'd. The first Thing, judg'd necessary by the **Council**, was, To Order **Moloch** to send out a Detachment of Horse and Foot, to Disperse the *Mob* : And **Belial**, whose Voice with Ease cou'd reach the utmost Bounds of the City, was Order'd to proclaim a Free Pardon to all, who should immediately Disperse themselves, and retire to their own Habitations ; but that all who should be taken in Disobedience, shou'd be drench'd, twice a Day, with two Quarts of flaming Sulphur, for a whole Month, and be forced to dip themselves over Head-and-Ears, at the same time, in the River *Phlegeton*, whose rolling Floods of liquid Fire, with impetuous Waves, beat against the Walls of **Pyropolis**. This had so good an Effect upon the *Mob*, that they departed, tho' under terrible Apprehensions, to their own Homes.

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By this time, all the **Grand Officers of State** return'd from their Enquiries, with as full an Account as the shortness of the Time permitted. The spacious *Hall*, wherein they always meet on such emergent Occasions, is call'd **Pandemonium**. The Walls thereof, which rise with unrival'd Magnificence, in Comparison of any Thing your World can boast, are of Massy Gold, on which are decipher'd, in swelling Figures, the **heroic Performances** of their **mighty Chiefs**, before they were driven headlong from the Celestial World, to plant the miserable Empire of **Acharon**, (for so this World is call'd by the Inhabitants.) The Roof of this *magnificent Palace* glitters with innumerable Precious-Stones, from whence a thousand Golden Lamps hang down to illuminate the Conclave, which are ne'er extinguished ; but being fed with Odorous *Naphtha*, burn continually.

High on an exalted Throne, which outshone all the incredible Magnificence of Luxurious Eastern Monarchs, as much as the Sun, in his Meridian Glory, excels the dimmest Star in Lustre, sate their **Impetuous Monarch**, who, ev'n in *Hell*, bloated with Ambition, would emulate the **ALMIGHTY**, and rival the Glories of his **G R E A T C R E A T O R** ; and appears no less than Arch-Angel, tho' in Ruins.

Next below their **Principal**, according to their Degrees, sate all the **crowned Powers**

Powers of Hell, in the utmost **grandeur** :
 When **Lucifer**, three times stamping with
 his Foot, which made the Foundations of
Hell to tremble ; as often shaking his gloomy
 Head, discovering the deep Concern he labour'd
 under, his Eyes flaming with Indignation ;
 thrice attempted to speak, but his faultring
 Tongue could not pronounce one Word, but
 sent forth the most **frightful Hissings**,
 and, metamorphos'd into a *Serpent*, descending
 from **his Throne**, crept upon the Pavement,
 and meanly *lick'd the Dust*.

This is a Punishment inflicted on **him**, for
 aspiring to the **THRON E** of **GOD** ;
 and which, ever since **he** revolted, and in
 open Rebellion dared the **OMNIPOTENT**
 to unequal Combat on the Celestial Plains,
 when **he** swells with the most dilated Pride
 and Enmity, exerts himself in **mock-majesty**,
 and would appear as **GOD**, always returns
 upon him.

Having now again recover'd his proper
 Shape, (for the Metamorphosis is but of short
 Continuance) **he** once more re-ascended **his**
imperial Throne, when fetching a *deep*
Sigh, in tremulous Accents, thus **he** spoke ;

— “ **Thrones, Powers, Dominions,**
 “ **and Principalities of Hell**, the undaunted
 “ Companions and Partners of my former
 “ daring and glorious Attempts, when we
 “ bravely, but unsuccessfully aspir'd to the
 “ universal Empire of Heaven, but now the
 “ Fol-

" Followers of my Fortunes, and Sharers in
 " my Calamities : **We** fell at first by Mis-
 " fortune ; the Power of our ALMIGHTY
 " CONQUEROR was, 'till tried, to **us**
 " unknown : **Our** Merit **we** still assert, tho'
 " crush'd by Irresistible and Superior Fate.
 " Driven from our Native Seats, **we** are
 " still in **our** selves the same, and enjoy
 " ev'n here an **Empire**, **we** have extorted
 " from our too Victorious Enemy, and which
 " none can envy. **We** must admit it Just,
 " because our Adversary is more Powerful,
 " and, by Right of Conquest, may impose on
 " us what **He** will.

" What tho' His Thunders cease, and His
 " threatening Legions are recall'd ; **He** still
 " exerts His Power, and contemptibly treads
 " us under foot ! Were **I** the sole Object
 " on which he exercis'd his avenging Power,
 " it would be more Tolerable and Easy to
 " **me**, **I** shou'd then have Nothing to en-
 " hance my Grief : But now **your** Woes are
 " **mine** ; and as **I** excel in **Power** and
 " **Dignity**, so **I** bear the largest Share of
 " Misery, and in **you** **I** see my own Mis-
 " fortunes ; and **your** faded **Glories** tell **me**
 " from what **I** am fallen, and how much
 " Altered from what **I** was, when **I** attempted
 " the **T H R O N E** of **G O D**.

" But **we** cannot Repent : 'Tis more ho-
 " nourable, and better suited to **our** Na-
 " tures, to bear the utmost of His Insulting
 " Rage,

" Rage, than tamely sue and sneak on bended
 " Knee for Mercy : **We** are still the same,
 " and **our** Enmity is not abated.

" But, when **we** think, how Those, who
 " once in Heaven shone with dimmer Glories ;
 " Those ! who once were reckon'd scarce worthy
 " Notice, among the Angelick Orders, now
 " scornfully *insult us* ; this wounds **us** to
 " the Quick. Yet, this is not all **our** Mi-
 " sery ! This is not the greatest Reproach
 " **we** bear ! Man ! *mortal, frail, foolish*, and
 " *fallen Man* prevails against **us** ! Who of
 " **us** is free from Wounds, receiv'd from
 " that *paltry Enemy*, in himself so *despicable* ?
 " The *meanest* of **us**, here present, wou'd the
 " **ALMIGHTY** stand but Neuter, wou'd
 " not suffer the Species to exist, but, tearing
 " their firm-fix'd World from the Basis there-
 " of, wou'd reduce it to its primitive Atoms,
 " and scatter them, like imperceptible Dust,
 " through the vast Immense of Infinite *Ex-*
 " *pansum*.

" Whether the present Apprehensions **we**
 " are under, are well grounded ; and the
 " late violent Efforts (I fear, too success-
 " ful) that have been made upon **us**,
 " have been effected by the *former* or the
 " *latter*, is not yet known. And **I** have
 " called **you** together, that **we** may enquire
 " into what is done, and by what Enemy ;
 " that so **we** may, by **our** united **Coun-**
 " **selgs**, provide against all Attempts, and the
 " Con-

“ Consequences of them, that are or may be
“ made against us.

“ Our principal Officers will give you
“ an Account, what Discoveries they have
“ made, and what Damages are, as yet,
“ sustained. ”

Mammon, upon this, stood up, a mean, niggardly Spirit, who, ev'n in Heaven, had his Eyes fixed on sordid Gain ; but never once look'd up to Noble Objects : **He** declared, That, upon hearing of the Robbery, **he** immediately repair'd to his Office, with a Guard : **He** found his Door fast, but perceiv'd, withal, that some body had been tampering with the Lock : That **he** was no sooner enter'd, but **he** examin'd his Cash, &c. and found nothing thereof had been stirr'd, and, **he** believ'd, not one Farthing diminished ; but yet **he** said, **He** miss'd some *loose Papers*, and *Memorandums*, together with his *Book of Disbursements* for *Fees, Pensions, &c.* pay'd to the *Agents* in the *Nether World* : but added, Those Things wou'd not be any Loss to his **Cartarian Majesty**, because they were already transcrib'd, and posted in the several Books belonging to the **Office**.

Next, **Asmodai** inform'd them, That it touch'd him in the most sensible manner, to think, that he could not give them so favourable an Account : That, indeed, for Money, **he** miss'd none out of his **Office**, and, that

the Common Books and Papers were untouched ; but when he came to his Majesty's Cabinet, he found that, as well as his own Office wide open : The Scrutores were all unlock'd ; abundance of Papers were missing, and that there was not a private Drawer, but had been ransack'd. The *Hocus-Pocus Bag*, and the *Juggling-Box*, with all that belong'd to them, were carry'd off, with the Copies of several *Commissions* relating to Affairs of State ; and the Book of *Instructions to Agents* in the *Nether World*, could not be found. That he hoped, his Infernal Majesty would not harbour any Suspicion of his Loyalty and Fidelity, after such ample Proof given thereof, for near 6000 Years ; their being evident Proof, that the Wards and Locks were forc'd, and broke open, and the Staples and Bolts drawn. Then sighing, he said, He wish'd, that none of the Guards were concern'd in the Matter, tho' he much doubted it ; or that some of the Inhabitants of the *nether World* had not been at their old Trade of *striking the Dubb*, alias enter'd by a false Key, and stollen them, instead of *Bank Bills* ; for abundance of those Gentlemen, from *London*, had lately taken Lodgings in *Pyropolis*. That he was the more confirm'd in this Opinion, because one *Jonathan Wilde*, late of the *Oldbailey*, Thief-taker, alias Thief-maker, came in a violent Hurry, and, as he had been inform'd by Correspondents from thence, the said *Jonathan*

Jonathan was in such Haste, that he wou'd not have stay'd for the Ordinary Caravan, but attempted a Passage by *Laudanum* ; but was arrested before he cou'd put off from Shore, and detain'd so long, that special Officers brought an *Exeat Mundo* for him ; so discharging him out of Custody, without paying Fees, they put him into the Caravan, in which he was carry'd to the *Triple-Port of Tyburn* ; from whence, in a few Minutes, he came by the Perpendicular to **Charon's Ferry**.

Moloch, upon this, stood up and declar'd, That **he** cou'd find but little Cause to suspect any Foreign Incursions : Indeed, **he** heard two or three Men say, That they thought they saw some Persons in a *Fog* flie a-cross the Lake, and that they look'd like Lawyers, going with their Bags to *Westminster*, only they had no Gowns on : But others said, that they were Justices of the Peace, or else their Clerks, going to *Hicks's-Hall*, or some other Quarter-Sessions ; for they had all Silver-hilted Swords, and Bags under their Arms : But **he** cou'd not be induced to believe it any thing more than a meer Whim ; for the People were in an Uproar, upon the Account of six *English* new-come *Whores*, who ran stark Naked from the Lord **Belial's**, thro' the Streets, with lighted Candles in their Backsides, and some *English Rakes* running after them ; who having some Bottles of Wine with them, turn'd them up on End on their

Heads, and drank an Health to the *Best in Pyropolis*, out of that which Nature had made for another Use. — He concluded, That, considering the Whole, it must be some *Bowman Prig* had given them a Cast of his Office or Skill, in hopes of an *Advertisement* with a *large Reward*, and no *Question ask'd*; for a very notable Gang of exquisite Sparks of that kind had lately arriv'd from *England* at *Pyropolis*.

Upon this, Orders were issued out, to seize all suspected Persons, and examine them; and that such *Advertisement* should be publish'd in all the *News Papers*, with the Promise of a Pardon, over-and-above the Reward, to Any concern'd in the Robbery, that should Convict his Accomplices, so that *he or they* might be brought to Justice.

Pursuant to these Orders, next Morning, as they call it, several were seized, and among the rest, your *old Friend Jonathan*: They found him in a *Boozing-Ken*, half fluster'd, and a *Prig* that past for his *Footman*, with two Brace of *Buttocks*, drinking of *Strike-fire* with the *Rum Cull of the Ken*; alias the *Master of the Black-Guard Tavern*. They were all taken into Custody. But it appearing, upon Examination next Evening, that the Women were only come to *Jonathan*, to help them to some *Trinkets*, which had been pick'd out of their Pockets by their own *Touts, Twangs, or Traps*, and having given *Jonathan*

Jonathan his Fees, would needs treat him with a *Dram*, the Women, with the *Rum Cull of the Ken*, were dismiss'd.

Jonathan, upon his Examination, said, That *he* knew nothing of the Robbery, but suspected it must be done by some private Thief: That none that were upon *his Books* had been with him to inform him of any such Thing; but if they pleas'd to allow him a Week's Time, he had some Hopes of obliging them with a Discovery. Upon this, *they* ask'd him what *he* meant by *his Books*? To which *he* reply'd, that *he* kept very correct Books, which *he* call'd *his BALLOT BOOKS*, of all the *regular Thieves* which were in **Pyropolis**, and their several *Walks*: That there was not a *pretended Reformer* in the City, that *he* had not Correspondence with, and *Struck them Sweet*; and he doubted not but to merit the good Opinion of the **Government**, and his good Services would render him acceptable, which, *he* humbly conceiv'd, *he* merited in the other World from whence *he* came, tho' it was his Misfortune to be consign'd to the *Nubbing Post*, when he expected rather the Thanks of the Court; but the real Truth was, that some potent Back-Friends had a Pique against *him*, because they thought that *he* had too large a Share of the Booty; and so the *Pimps* his Enemies got his *Pass-port* for **Pyropolis** sign'd, seal'd, and executed. — *He* desir'd also

also to view the Place, that *he* might see in what manner it was perform'd ; for, upon first sight, *he* said, *he* could tell if *Jack Sheppard* or *Blue-skin* had been at work upon it.

— All which Requests were readily consented to.

Upon viewing the Place, *Jonathan* found a small Book under the Frame of the Table, and taking it up, told them, *he* was jealous it was done by some SPIES from the Terrestrial World ; for *he* scarce thought that Book belong'd to the **Secretary's Office**, it being a DIRECTORY writtent about Seventeen Hundred Years since, by one PAUL an apostatized Jew, who being turn'd Presbyterian, or Independent, and a *Renegado* from **his Satanic Majesty's** Service, had listed himself and bore a Commission in the Troops of his Greatest E N E M Y ; and was executed for High-Treason, at *Rome*, by the Command of **his Infernal Majesty's** Vice-gerent and Kinsman *Nero* the *Roman* Emperor, of *nefarious Memory*. Withal, *he* advis'd them to send Instructions to their *Agents* in *England*, but particularly at *London*, to try what Discoveries they could make.

This Advice was thought very good and seasonable ; and all were entirely of *Jonathan's* Opinion, that *that* destructive Book, (which was a Key to **his Satanic Majesty's** private Cypher, and not permitted in **Hell**, because it had done more Mischief to the **Infernal**

Infernal Empire, than all the Books that had been written for above Sixteen Hundred Years past) could not belong to the **Office**, but was dropt by some **S P I E S** from *England* ; for it was Printed at *London*.

Upon the Whole, *Jonathan* receiv'd Thanks for the great Services he had done to their Interest, whilst in the other World ; for that also which *he* had now done ; and withal, was desir'd, not to neglect enquiring in **Pyropolis** ; and if *he* should discover any thing, to inform them of it ; and was oblig'd, in good Manners, to accept of an handsome Purse of Guinea's, tho' *he* desir'd, out of a Compliment, to be excus'd ; and so was dismiss'd, with the highest Tokens of Respect, and a Promise of a further Reward, for his Loyalty and good Services.

I should now turn my Discourse towards the Three **S P I E S**, who committed the Robbery ; but first must obviate an Objection, which I foresee you will raise against what I have said, concerning the Grandeur, Wealth, and Employments in **Hell**, which you think contrary to the Notions thereof ; and indeed, so they are, seemingly, but not in Reality ; and my Answer shall be brief : — The Idea's generally conceiv'd of that World, by the Inhabitants of *your Earth*, are, for the most part, Dark and Confused : You are so far, indeed, in the right, that you look upon it as

as a Place of intolerable Misery and Torment, for so it is ; but then you think this inconsistent with *Wealth, Grandeur*, and following the sinful Pleasures and Practices of their former vicious Lives : But, pray, consider, that their former sinful Pleasures and Enjoyments, are here, at once, their Desire, their Sin, and their Punishment ; so that, at the same time, they Sin, and cannot but Sin, and, by gratifying their sinful Desires, become their own Tormentors : Their dazzling Grandeur, and immense Wealth, make Divine Vengeance glow the hotter ; and the Enjoyment, is, as their Desire, so their Hell ; and every Addition, which they make, is an accumulated Misery.

I told you, That I left the Three **S P I E S**, under the dusky Shadow which I had cast over them, pursuing their Journey towards your World ; where they went into an handsome Publick-House near your Metropolis, to refresh themselves ; and in a Room up Stairs, which they had to themselves, they fell to examining their Booty. 'Tis amazing to think what full Intelligence they had carry'd off ; they had Busines enough, at that time, to take the *general Heads* of their *Papers*. There were *secret Commissions, Instructions, Memoirs, Records* of what had been done, and *Memo-randums* of what was to be done ; a *List* of the various Classes or Orders of Persons employ'd

ploy'd in Vice and Villany, and the particular Province or Business assign'd to every Clas. There were Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements of and for Salaries, Pensions and Perquisites, that were pay'd either Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, or Occasionally, to Persons, for Secret Services, with abundance of other Things of like Nature ; of all which they took the General Heads, and came to this Resolution, *viz.* To make them Public: yet after what Manner, was not then agreed on ; but a second Meeting was then set, with Time and Place.

I observ'd, They were very cautious of being known or over-heard : And they were much in the right of it ; for, according to Jonathan's Advice, Couriers were dispatch'd, by Order of **Satan** and **his Privy-Council**, to *your World*, but especially to *London*, for all **his Agents** to be upon their Guard, with proper Instructions to them how to Behave, *viz.* to the *Buttocks* of the *Hundreds of Drury*, *Newtonner's* and *Parker's Lane* ; To the different Clasles of *Prigs* and their Associates, with a long & *catera*, which, in Time, shall be taken Notice of.

There were **Spies** also sent into all Quarters, to get Intelligence, if possible, who or what they were, who had made this daring Attempt upon the **Palace**, and against the Interest of **his Luciferian Majesty** ; and large Sums were order'd to be issued, by

Dammon, out of the **Exchequer**, if they could find out the Persons concern'd in the Robbery, to Bribe them off from a Discovery of the dark Intrigues and Mysteries of Iniquity ; or at least, to prevent Prosecutions being carry'd on, against any of their *Agents* or *Adherents*.

It was also resolv'd in **Council**, whereof **Beelzebub** is **President**, (**Satan** himself being present) That large Remittances should be made to *their Agents* at *Augusta*, if Discoveries could not be prevented or stifled, to Bribe *Watchmen*, *Beadles*, *Petty-Constables* and *High-Constables*, with *Reforming Officers*, from doing their Duty, or serving any Summons upon Persons that should be Inform'd against, who should be willing to Contribute towards the *necessary* Charges and Expences, that would be unavoidable in this Case.

It was further Ordered, That *Reforming Officers*, of what Denomination soever, shou'd have particular Care taken of them, that their *Salaries* and *Perquisites* should be punctually pay'd ; and that, tho' they should sometimes happen to be somewhat Extravagant in their Demand of Fees, Civility-Money, &c. yet they shou'd make no Words of it, but readily give them whatever, or rather more than, they exacted ; such Money being only pay'd on Account, upon the Making up or Balancing of which, when they came to **Pyropolis**, which they unavoidably must, the

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Overplus wou'd be repay'd with a Vengeance to them, with treble Interest : But however, Nothing now was to be disputed with them, at this Critical Juncture, because it would be highly prejudicial to **his Satanic Majesty's** Interest, to have the least Difference with any of these *mercenary, but necessary Agents.*

Orders were also issued to **Mammon**, to pay unto **Belial**, or the *Clerk* of the *Remittances*, all such Sum or Sums, as should, from time to time, become needful or convenient, to pay the *Pensions* and *Salaries* of *Trading Justices*, and *Trading Clerks* to *Justices*, that so they might not want the necessary Refreshments of a Charming *Venus*, and at least *Two Quarts* in the Evening ; and whilst the *Master* kept his Coach, the *Clerk* might keep his *Gelding* : But in case the *Master* had not Trade enough to keep his Coach, his *Clerk* should have such handsome Allowance, as shou'd however enable him to drink his *Bottle* in the Evening. That the *Agents* also should take special Care of the Perquisite of *Treating*, at the Alehouse or Tavern, not forgetting a Bit for the Mouth, *pro Rato* of his Client.

It was also further Provided, That no *Female Negotiatrix* in **his Luciferian Majesty's** Service, should take any Fee or Reward, for any *private Job* or *Jobs*, *Service* or *Services*, done or to be done, for any of the

said *Trading Justices*, or *Trading Clerks*, if any such there are or shall be, but that the same shall be look'd upon, as a Perquisite due and belonging to them, in their said Offices.

It was Ordered also, That *Bribery*, in all such Cases, should be look'd upon not only as lawful, but highly requisite and commendable: But since the World had given that Word a wrong Turn, and an Air of Scandal, it should be call'd by the genteeler Epithet of *Making a Purse*, or, of a *Present* to -----, &c. And *False-Swearing*, alias *Perjury*, relating to any of the aforesaid Matters, should be call'd *stretching a Point, to serve a Friend*, and be only deem'd a Venial Sin.

It was further Ordered, That Persons of Superior Rank and Quality, should be treated with more Regard and Distinction; and if they could not be brought into all the Measures that cou'd be wished, Care should be taken, at least, to keep them Neuter: That some of their *Agents* should be always plying them; and whatever come of it, or what Charge soever they were at, double Diligence should be used to debauch and corrupt their Morals, keep their Heads warm, and above all to divert them from the pernicious Faculty of Thinking, especially of a Future World; and from reading their Bibles, or any other Schismatical Books, contrary to the *orthodox Doctrines* of *Pyropolis*.

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That especial Application should be exerted to prevent them, and all other Degrees of Persons, from frequenting Churches, and Places of Publick Worship, or to divert their Thoughts, when There, from due Attention ; it having been found by Experience, that *that* Practice has been very destructive to **his** **Satanic** Majesty's Interest, and to have prevented many from settling in the **Stygian** Regions, who would otherwise have come thither. And for this Reason it was also thought necessary to divert as many as possible from keeping the **SABBATH** ; but, on the contrary, to perswade them to lie a Bed all the Forenoon ; and after Dinner, to walk into the Fields, to croud the *Boozing-Kens*, and make Merry : Then, for an Excuse to the Meaner sort of People, (for few will so much as Reprove, much less Punish the Greater Persons for Sabbath-breaking) to infuse this Notion into their Heads, That 'twas reasonable they shou'd have some Diversion, who Wrought hard all the Week, and could spare no Time from their Business ; and that this had been allowed by former Kings of *pious Memory* : *For if Men were once brought to break the Sabbath, they would easily, afterwards, be allured over entirely to his Luciferian Majesty's Interest* ; and therefore particular Regard was to be had thereto.

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It was Order'd also, That the utmost Interest, Application, and Efforts should be made, by all **his Infernal Majessy's Agents**, to get as many *ignorant, loose, or debauch'd* young Fellows Ordain'd and admitted among the *Clergy*, as they could : That Care should be taken to divert the *Ministry* from their Studies : To take Care they shou'd preach as little *Gospel* as possible, and that ev'n *Epicurus's Morals* shou'd contain as much or more *Divinity* than their Sermons ; and that their Lives shou'd be so unguarded, as to be, if not a flat Contradiction to their Sermons, yet no Ornament to their Profession ; and thus, by the Fault of some, Disrepute and Contempt wou'd be thrown upon the Body of the *Clergy* in General ; and then, all They should afterwards say, would amount to no more than a *Tale of a Tub*, or *Words of Course*, and stand for as much as a thousand Ciphers without a Figure.

Many other Things were given in Charge, relating to the several sorts of *Reformers*, who, in Duty and Conscience, should endeavour to suppress Vice and Debauchery ; and to get some Men of Religion and Probity, but small Intellects, among them, that so they might be a Screen to others, and useful *Tools*.

The *Masters* and *Mistresses* also of *Parish* and *Charity-Schools*, if possible, should be such as had little or no Religion, except what they call *High-Church*, which always bore

bore a favourable Regard, to his **Satanic** **Majesty's** Interest, the *Chevalier de St. George*, and the *Romish Faith*.

Lastly, It was Order'd, That the Doctrines of *Passive Obedience*, *Non-Resistance*, and *Inde-feasible and Hereditary Succession*, with the *Divine Right of the Clergy*, should be inculcated upon all, with the greatest Assurance.

Two *Scaramouches*, one an *Hibernian* of the *Nonjuring*, the other of the *Andreaan Perjuring Order*, who are *Clerks of the Dispatches* for *Ecclesiastical Affairs*, were to draw up the necessary Instructions ; but the latter of them was so Drunk, and so Busy with *Sally S—ry*, that he took no Notice of any thing, tho' his *Hanging-sleeve* was steeping in a *Piss-pot*. Whereupon, **Beelzebub** Order'd, he shou'd not be Disturb'd : Besides, he said, his greatest Abilities were in his *Short-Tail*, for otherwise he was but a *Blockhead* ; tho' he knew, he had good Interest amongst *Fools and Knaves*, especially of the *Female Sex*.

Pursuant to these Orders, Couriers were sent with proper Dispatches to every distinct Class of *Agents* in *your World*, to inform them what had happen'd at **Pyropolis**, and how to Behave in so dangerous and critical a Juncture. 'Tis almost impossible for you to conceive what Number of Circular Letters were dispatch'd and sent to the several sorts of *pretended Reformers*, which, like the *Tartars*, are divided into Ten *Hoards* or *Tribes*,

Tribes, who had their proper Instructions according to their several Classes and Business.

Others were sent to those Gentlemen of uncommon Sincerity, the *Locks*, who keep every thing safe but Honesty, and are true to every thing but Truth it self.

Others were distributed among the *Cases*, the *Gambling*, *Boozing*, *Brandy*, and other *Flashy Kenns*, that they might be upon their Guard, and not taken by Surprize, and thereby disappoint the Intention of *their* and *his Satanic Majesty's* most inveterate Enemies the truly Pious and Consciencious Reformers. These *Letters*, as above, with several others to other *Societies* and *Colonies* of *Hell*, were forwarded with the utmost Expedition, together with a *Writ*, directed to all the Chief of each Fraternity and Sisterhood, to call their Corporations together, at their proper *Guilds* or *Kenns*, and from amongst themselves to chuse Persons duly qualified for so great a *Trust*, who should Sit, *de Nocte in Noctem*, at the several Places hereafter mentioned, *viz.* the *Black-Guard Taverns* in *Fleet-Street*, *White-Friars*, and in the *Hundreds of Drury*; at the *Night-House* in *Newgate-Market*; at the *Brandy-Kenn* in *Long-Lane*, near to the *Scouting-Kenn* in *Red-Cross-Street*; at the *Boozing-Kenn* in *White-Cross-Street*; as also at the *Boozing-Kenn*, alias *Solicitors-Office*, near the *W I C*; where proper Instructions are and will,

will, from time to time, be left with the Masters of the said *Kenns*, who were also enjoyn'd to communicate the same to all his Trusty and Well-beloved Friends and Servants, viz. the several Societies or Corporations of *Whores, Thieves, Sharpers, Rebels, and their Associates*.

N. B. If Mother *Needham* be so Dispirited, that she cannot attend the Services of the *Corporation*, and the Prosecution of this Affair; It was Ordered, That *Mutton Bess* attend in her stead, she being appointed, by Order of *his Satanic Majesty*, and *his Council*, *Steward* at the next Yearly Feast of *Bawds*.

It would be tedious for me to write, and quite tire you, my Dear Friend, shou'd I particularize all the *Directions* that were sent, and the great *Consternation* that appear'd throughout all **Pyropolis**; nor can you imagine what general *Confusion* there was amongst the *Societies* before mention'd, upon the *Receipt* of these *Letters* and *Instructions*.

Mutton Bess fell into such a Passion, and sent out such a Volly of Oaths, that every

one concluded her to be *raving Mad*, tho' she was wonderfully pleas'd with the new *Dignity* conferr'd on her: She immediately call'd all her *Daughters* and *Kinswomen* together, and communicated to them the Contents of the *Dispatches*: Who all swore by all the *Flesh* on their *A—s*, and the *D—l* pick their *Bones*, they wou'd be up with these *d—mn'd Sons of Bitches* the *SPIES*, if they cou'd light on 'em; and, to confirm their Resolutions, toap'd off two Quarts of *Strike-Fire* on the Spot.

Mother *Needham* was so sensibly affected, that she fell into Fainting Fits, and, after the third Quartern, with abundance of a-doe, besides chafing and rubbing her, she was hardly able to speak a plain Word. But I must proceed no further, and therefore refer you, for the rest, to what shall be Published by the *SPIES*.

I am not insensible, that you will ask, How this Correspondence can be carry'd on with *your World*; since I told you, That a Passage through the *Ignititious Atmosphere of Hell*, was impracticable to the Inhabitants thereof? This is to be understood of such only as flock into it from *your World*; for there is a Passage, on that side *Hell*, which is almost contiguous to *your Frontiers*, open and free

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to the Prince of Darkness and his Angels, but will be close shut up and sealed, after the *Last Judgment*, both on *Men* and *Devils*; when *Sin* and *Death*, who now guard the **Horrid Portal**, and give Admittance to coming Souls, but forbid them all Reception, shall be thrown into it.

By this time the Three SPIES met again, and came to the following Resolution, *viz.* That in order to promote the Glory of GOD, the Honour of His Majesty KING GEORGE, and the Eternal and Temporal Good of their Fellow-Subjects, They would expose all the dark Intrigues, Methods and Practices of Lewdness, Debauchery and Sharping: That the Secret Haunts and Places of Iniquity shou'd be discover'd, and their most reserved Scenes be laid open: That the *Flash-Houses* shou'd be set in a proper Light, and the *Pretenders* to Reformation turn'd inside out; that so they might appear in their proper Colours, and the Vizard being taken off, the World might see, how far they answer'd their *pretended* Character; and tho' the Names of the Guilty should be conceal'd, their Faults shou'd be written in large and legible Letters. And if any Man shou'd think himself Exposed, the Offender wou'd have none to thank but himself; he has fair Warning, and may stand upon his Guard. The Greatest

shou'd not have their Vices conceal'd, nor the Meanest be pass'd over with Neglect: For, if the Expression may be allow'd, The Sons and Daughters of Iniquity are upon the Good-Behaviour,

These GENTLEMEN seem'd to express a wonderful Pleasure and Satisfaction, That so great Zeal for a Reformation discover'd it self in the Right Reverend the Bishops, and several of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and began to exert it self, in so vigorous a Manner, and so strenuously oppos'd the Growth of Profaneness and Wickedness; and thereupon concluded, That Their Endeavours, in which they had now Engaged, to Promote so Good and Necessary a Work, could not prove abortive.

To draw to a Conclusion: They flatter'd Themselves, that Their Design being only to Carry on a Reformation, They should meet with no Opposition, but with all due Encouragement; inasmuch as the Methods that would be propos'd by Them, would infallibly preserve their Properties to every Individual: It wou'd keep their Hen-roosts, Fish-ponds, Cony-warrens; their Parks of Deer, the Game of the Kingdom; their Houses, Streets, and Roads, from Thieves and Robbers; their Children and Servants from the Debauch-

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Debaucheries of the Town ; and their plentiful Estates, from all Attacks that can be made from *Sharpers*, and all other Classes of Villany, from Generation to Generation, 'till Time shall die into Eternity : That Men should be compell'd to wear the Guise of Morality and Justice, who would not Practise them from Conscience and Principle. I am,

Mr. Anodyne Necklace,

Your Humble Servant,

The MAN in the MOON.

POSTSCRIPT.

Just before They rose, They came to this Resolve, That these Things should very speedily make their Appearance in the World, under the Form of a *Weekly Paper* or *Journal*, to be Published on Saturdays.

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N. B. All such Persons as shall buy this *Book*, or the *Weekly Papers* that shall ensue on this Subject, are desired to lay them up carefully; that so, what shall be contained in them, may be a Warning to their Children, and their Childrens Children after them; whereby they may shun those fatal Rocks, so many have split on, and by which they have been brought, in the bitterest Agonies of Soul, to a Shameful and Untimely End: The Remembrance of, the serious Thought and Reflection upon such unfortunate Children, have made their unhappy Parents go Mourning all their Days, and at last *brought their Gray Hairs with Sorrow to their Graves.*

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